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# **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

### **Opposer Information**

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# **Goods/Services Affected by Opposition**

# Class 038.

All goods and sevices in the class are opposed, namely: Cable, satellite, television and video-on-demand (VOD) broadcasting

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In re Application No. 76/604,633 for the mark NEXTENSIVE filed on July 29, 2004 and published on June 21, 2005.

Nextel Communications, Inc.

Opposer,

V.

NEO Index Corporation

Applicant.

Opposition No.

Applicant.

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### **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel"), a Delaware Corporation, believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the mark NEXTENSIVE, the subject of Application Serial No. 76/604,633, filed by NEO Index Corporation ("NEO Index Corp."), a Japanese corporation. Nextel hereby opposes registration of the mark under the provisions of Section 13 of the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. §1063.

As grounds for the opposition, Nextel alleges as follows:

- 1. Nextel has used the mark NEXTEL with a wide variety of goods and services related to the telecommunications industry since at least as early as 1988.
- 2. Nextel owns several federal trademark registrations for marks containing the term NEXTEL (collectively, the "NEXTEL Marks"), including the following:

NEXTEL (cls. 9)	Reg. No. 1,884,244
NEXTEL (cls. 38)	Reg. No. 1,637,139
NEXTEL & Design (cls. 9 & 38)	Reg. No. 2,391,504
NEXTEL WORLDWIDE (cls. 9 & 38)	Reg. No. 2,598,210
NEXTEL COMPATIBLE (cls. 38)	Reg. No. 2,751,945
NEXTEL NATIONAL PLANS (cls. 38)	Reg. No. 2,692,446
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(cls. 9, 38)	Reg. No. 2,765,052
NEXTEL MOBILE EXTENSION (cls. 38)	Reg. No. 2,737,925
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(cls. 38)  NEXTEL. HOW BUSINESS GETS DONE. (cls. 38)  NEXTEL ONLINE (cls. 38)	Reg. No. 2,435,925 Reg. No. 2,430,370
(cls. 38)  NEXTEL. HOW BUSINESS GETS DONE. (cls. 38)  NEXTEL ONLINE (cls. 38)  NEXTEL NATIONAL BUSINESS PLAN (cls. 38)	Reg. No. 2,435,925 Reg. No. 2,430,370 Reg. No. 2,326,015
(cls. 38)  NEXTEL. HOW BUSINESS GETS DONE. (cls. 38)  NEXTEL ONLINE (cls. 38)  NEXTEL NATIONAL BUSINESS PLAN (cls. 38)  NEXTEL NEXTDAY (cls. 39)	Reg. No. 2,435,925 Reg. No. 2,430,370 Reg. No. 2,326,015 Reg. No. 2,306,603

3. Nextel's federal registrations listed in Paragraph 2 are valid and subsisting, and they provide *prima facie* evidence of Nextel's registration of the NEXTEL Marks, Nextel's ownership of the NEXTEL Marks, and of Nextel's exclusive right to use the NEXTEL Marks in commerce on or in connection with the goods and/or services specified in the registrations.

- 4. Nextel's federal registrations for the marks NEXTEL (Reg. No. 1,884,244), NEXTEL (Reg. No. 1,637,139), and NEXTEL DIRECT CONNECT (Reg. No. 2,236,098) are incontestable and provide *conclusive* evidence of Nextel's registration of these marks, Nextel's ownership of the marks, and of Nextel's exclusive right to use the marks in commerce on or in connection with the goods or services specified in the registrations.
- 5. Nextel has also acquired common law trademark rights in its NEXTEL Marks for a wide variety of goods and services related to the telecommunications industry since at least as early as 1988.
- 6. Nextel used, and acquired trademark rights in, the NEXTEL Marks before July 29, 2004 the date on which NEO Index Corp. filed its application to register NEXTENSIVE.
- 7. Nextel has expended substantial sums in marketing, advertising, and promoting the NEXTEL Marks in connection with its telecommunications goods and services throughout the United States.
- 8. Nextel has enjoyed substantial revenue derived from the sale of telecommunications goods and services under the NEXTEL Marks in the United States.
- 9. By reason of their extensive marketing, advertising, and promotion, the NEXTEL Marks have become uniquely associated with Nextel.
- 10. The NEXTEL Marks have become well known and famous as distinctive indicators of the origin of Nextel's goods and services, and they are valuable symbols of Nextel's goodwill.
- 11. The NEXTEL Marks are fanciful, arbitrary, inherently distinctive, and therefore strong and entitled to a broad scope of protection.

- 12. Notwithstanding Nextel's prior rights in the NEXTEL Marks, NEO Index Corp. filed Application No. 76/604,633 on July 29, 2004, based on intent-to-use.
- 13. NEO Index Corp.'s mark features the prefix NEXT-, which is identical to the prefix NEXT- found in the NEXTEL Marks.
- 14. Through Application No. 76/604,633, NEO Index Corp. seeks to obtain registration on the principal register for the NEXTENSIVE mark for use with the following services:

Cable, satellite, television and video-on-demand (VOD) broadcasting, in Class 38.

- 15. Upon information and belief, NEO Index Corp. made no use of the NEXTENSIVE mark in the United States prior to the filing date of the application.
- 16. Upon information and belief, NEO Index Corp. was aware of the NEXTEL Marks prior to the filing date of the application.
- 17. Nextel has not consented to or authorized NEO Index Corp.'s use of the NEXTENSIVE mark.
- 18. Nextel believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the NEXTENSIVE mark on the principal register.

### **COUNT I – LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION**

- 19. Nextel hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 18 above.
- 20. The NEXTENSIVE mark is a colorable imitation of the NEXTEL Marks in that it so closely resembles the NEXTEL Marks that its use and registration would cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the source of NEO Index Corp.'s services and injure and damage Nextel and the goodwill and reputation symbolized by the NEXTEL Marks.

- 21. NEO Index Corp.'s services are so closely related to Nextel's goods and services that the public is likely to be confused, to be deceived, and to assume erroneously that NEO Index Corp.'s services are those of Nextel or that NEO Index Corp. is in some way connected with, sponsored by, or affiliated with Nextel, all to Nextel's irreparable damage.
- 22. Likelihood of confusion in this case is enhanced by the fame of the NEXTEL Marks and by the fact that consumers associate the NEXTEL Marks with goods and services sold, approved, or endorsed by Nextel.
- 23. On information and belief, prospective purchasers of NEO Index Corp.'s services are purchasers of Nextel's goods and services, and the parties' respective goods and services will be sold through the same channels of trade.
- 24. If NEO Index Corp. is granted registration of its NEXTENSIVE mark, NEO Index Corp. will obtain the *prima facie* exclusive right to use the mark in the United States, and such registration will impair and diminish Nextel's goodwill and rights in the NEXTEL Marks.

# COUNT II - DECEPTION/FALSE SUGGESTION OF CONNECTION

- 25. Nextel hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 24 above.
- 26. NEO Index Corp.'s NEXTENSIVE mark so closely resembles the NEXTEL Marks that it is likely to cause deception in violation of Lanham Act Section 2(a).
- 27. Because the NEXTENSIVE mark points uniquely to Nextel, purchasers will assume that services sold under the mark are connected with Nextel.
- 28. NEO Index Corp.'s NEXTENSIVE mark is deceptive in that it falsely suggests a connection with Nextel.

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#### **COUNT III - DILUTION**

- 29. Nextel hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 28 above.
- 30. The NEXTEL Marks have been widely used and extensively publicized in the United States and have become well known and famous within the meaning of Lanham Act § 43(c) as distinctive symbols of Nextel's goodwill.
- 31. The NEXTEL Marks became well known and famous before NEO Index Corp. made any use of the NEXTENSIVE mark in the United States.
- 32. NEO Index Corp.'s NEXTENSIVE mark will dilute the distinctive quality of the NEXTEL Marks.
- 33. The use or registration of NEO Index Corp.'s NEXTENSIVE mark will lessen the capacity of Nextel's famous NEXTEL Marks to identify and distinguish Nextel's goods and services.

By reason of the foregoing, Nextel will be damaged by the registration of the NEXTENSIVE mark, and registration should be refused.

WHEREFORE, Nextel prays that this opposition be sustained and that the registration be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF FILING**

It is hereby certified that the attached Notice of Opposition (re App. No. 76/604,633) is being filed electronically with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office this 19th day of October 2005.

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